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To: Honorable John A. McCone, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency

From: Orville L. Freeman, Secretary

Subject: Current Sino-Soviet Agricultural Intelligence

On October 3, 1961, I sent a letter to the Director outlining the needs and interest of the Department of Agriculture for current Sino-Soviet agricultural intelligence, and subsequently [redacted] arranged the implementation with Mr. Robert Avery and Agency liaison personnel. 25X1A9a

In observing results within the Department over the past three months, I would like to express my personal appreciation for the Agency's excellent cooperation. The Department is not only receiving the daily current intelligence digests and summaries regularly but the content of these and other selected items received demonstrate a specific response to the areas of interest indicated in our original correspondence.

We have brought relevant information to the attention of USDA officials responsible for United States and foreign agricultural trade and aid activities, and I feel sure that a vital contribution has been made to policy decisions in this area.

I am confident that in the forthcoming decade there will be few challenges to United States agricultural leadership greater than that generated by Communist pressures in the food deficit areas of the underdeveloped two-thirds of the world. At any rate, with Mao sponsoring rural-based armed revolution in the Chinese pattern in these areas and Khrushchev advocating Communist-type agrarian reforms, there is little room for complacency in the West. The Department desires, of course, to be fully apprised of this developing situation in order to better plan and implement our own agricultural programs.

Your Agency liaison personnel have been both helpful and efficient. I extend my thanks again to the Agency and to them and assure you of our continued cooperation.

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